

INDIANAPOLIS 500 QUALIFYING PROCEDURE Q&A

Q: How many warm-up laps is each driver allowed before each attempt?

A: Two warm-up laps precede an official qualifying attempt of four consecutively timed laps.

Q: How many attempts are allowed per car in the first segment from 11 a.m.-5:50 p.m.?

A: One qualification attempt is guaranteed. After the break in the qualifying line, two qualifying lines will be formed for: Cars that have not qualified or have withdrawn their previous qualifying time and cars that have already qualified but want another attempt and have not withdrawn their previous qualifying time.

Q: What happens if weather washes out the Fast Nine shootout before every driver gets a chance to make at least one attempt?

A: Qualifications will resume on the next available track day.

Q: Can any drivers other than the Fast Nine make qualifying runs from 5-5:45 p.m. on May 20?

A: No, only the top nine qualifiers based on their official times May 19 advance to the session.

Q: Must a driver in the Fast Nine withdraw their time from the mandatory attempt during the final segment if he or she chooses to make a second qualification attempt during that segment?

A: One qualifying attempt for each of the cars sets the field for positions 1-9.

Q: How will the qualifying draw for the Fast Nine segment be determined?

A: Slowest to fastest based on the official four-lap qualification time from May 19.

Q: Where does one of the Fast Nine drivers start if he or she can't complete a run in the completed shootout due to a crash or a mechanical problem?

A: Any car not able to begin or complete a required qualification attempt shall be ranked at the rear of the Fast Nine in order of May 19 qualifying times.

Q: What happens if a driver crashes in the Fast Nine, and that car is destroyed? If that driver is forced to a backup car for the rest of the event, will he or she start ninth or 33rd?

A: If a qualified car is involved in a crash, the entrant may replace the qualified car with another car and start the race in the qualified car's position. If a qualified car is unable to start the race for any other reason, INDYCAR shall determine if the entrant is permitted to replace the qualified car with another car and start the race in the qualified car's position or is required to start the race from the rear of the starting field.

Q: What happens if qualifications May 19 are rained out?

A: Qualifications will be moved to the next available track day.

Q: What happens if qualifications May 20 are rained out?

A: Qualifications will be moved to the next available track day.